

## State of Arizona

Janice K. Brewer Governor

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TO:

State Agency Directors and Acting Directors

FROM:

Janice K. Brewer

Governor

SUBJECT:

Regulatory Review Plan

DATE:

January 22, 2009

In order to ensure that my appointees have the opportunity to review any new or pending rules, I am asking that you immediately take the following steps, subject to the exception process as described in paragraph 9:

- 1. Send no proposed or final rule to the Secretary of State for publication in the Arizona Administrative Register.
- 2. File no notice of proposed rule making with the Secretary of State or begin or continue any activities in preparation for rule making, including informal rule making activities.
- 3. With respect to proposed rules that have been sent to the Secretary of State but not published in the Arizona Administrative Register, withdraw them from Secretary of State.
- 4. With respect to proposed rules that are final but have not been submitted to the Governor's Regulatory Review Council (GRRC) for approval, postpone filing the rules with GRRC.
- 5. With respect to proposed rules that have been submitted to the GRRC for approval, postpone filing rules approved by GRRC with the Secretary of State.
- 6. With respect to proposed rules that are final but have not been submitted to the Attorney General for approval, postpone filing the rules with the Attorney General.
- 7. With respect to proposed rules that have been submitted to the Attorney General for approval, withdraw the rules from consideration by the Attorney General.
- 8. Provide the Governor's Office a list and brief summary of each rule making activity within your agency no later than February 16, 2009.
- 9. Notify the Governor's Office promptly in writing of any rule making activity that, in your view, impacts critical public peace, health and safety functions of the agency or that are needed to address the state budget deficit and therefore should

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be also excluded from the directives in paragraphs 1-7. The Governor's Office will review any such notifications and determine whether exception is appropriate under the circumstances.

The directives in paragraphs 1-7 shall remain in effect until April 30, 2009.

As used in this memorandum, "rule" has the meaning as defined in A.R.S. § 41-1001(17).

Finally, in the interest of sound regulatory practice and the avoidance of costly, burdensome, or unnecessary rules, independent agencies are encouraged to participate voluntarily within the context of their own rulemaking processes.

This regulatory review will be implemented by the Governor's Office. Communications regarding exceptions to the review, or questions regarding the review generally, should be addressed to Richard Bark, Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy at rbark@az.gov.

This memorandum shall be published in the Arizona Administrative Register.